departments concerned of the Central Government. No time frame can be fixed for consideration of the demands for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth schedule.

Devastating floods in Bihar and Assam

2975. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar and Assam are hit by devastating floods this year;

(b) if so, the details of extent of loss of life and property occurred thereby; and

(c) the Central aid sought and given for the relief and rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) As per information received from the State Governments of Assam and Bihar, the extent of damage due to heavy rains/floods etc. during the year of 2009, is as under:—

(Provisional)

States	No. of human lives lost	No. of cattle heads lost	No. of houses damaged	Cropped area affected (lakh hectares)
Assam	08	12	240	0.298
Bihar	63	02	6050	—

The State Governments are primarily responsible for undertaking relief measures at ground level in the wake of natural calamities. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing requisite logistic and financial support.

To ensure ready availability of funds with the States to undertake rescue and relief operations of immediate nature, in the wake of natural calamities including flood situation, a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) account has been constituted for each State which is contributed by the Central and State Governments in the ratio of 3:1. Additional assistance is also provided from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in the event of a calamity of a severe nature.

Details of allocation and release of Central share of CRF during 2009-10, are as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

States	Allocation under CRF	Central share	Center's share of CRF released
Assam	217.07	162.80	81.40
Bihar	167.45	125.59	125.59

The Governments of Assam and Bihar have not sought any financial assistance from NCCF in the wake of floods of 2009.